



HB2200 HD1
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCES
House Committee on Finance

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **OPPOSES** HB2200 HD1, which threatens OHA's right to a pro rata share of the public land trust and may arbitrarily prioritize the use of public land trust revenues set aside for the betterment of native Hawaiians.

Commendably, this bill seeks to facilitate the continuing preservation, restoration, and appropriate use of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.

Kaho'olawe, a kinolau of Kanaloa, remains a piko of Hawaiian culture, yet still retains visible scars from decades of previous mismanagement. Kaho'olawe was critical to the Hawaiian cultural renaissance and continues to serve as an integral educational center for traditional navigation, hula, natural resource management and other cultural traditions and disciplines. In light of this, OHA has provided funding over the years to the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, including a current \$129,000 grant to facilitate cultural practitioner trips to the island to conduct Makahiki ceremonies, document kupuna fishing knowledge, and host workdays, which involve environmental restoration projects. In addition, OHA assisted KIRC with navigating the congressional appropriation request process last year, and we are still waiting for KIRC's response to our April 8, 2015 request for additional information to support KIRC's initial budget request to OHA.

Unfortunately, the funding mechanism in Section 2 of the bill could undermine OHA's constitutional right to a pro rata share of the public land trust. Section 2 authorizes the BLNR chair to transfer to the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund up to \$3 million annually from DLNR's "public land trust accounts set aside . . . for the betterment of native Hawaiians." While it is unclear precisely which accounts would be involved, Section 2 risks being interpreted in a way that would reduce the annual trust moneys that would be transferred to OHA if either HB1655 or SB2124 of the current session is enacted. Those bills would require that state departments and agencies transfer 20 percent of their public land trust receipts to OHA and that the state return to OHA certain "overages" claimed by the state in trust moneys previously transferred to OHA. Furthermore, Section 4 of HB2200 HD1 would seemingly elevate the needs of Kaho'olawe, which after all are of concern not only to Hawaiians but also the general public, to a higher status than the plethora of other Hawaiian needs that compete for OHA's public land trust funds, including housing, education, health, income, and the protection and preservation of 'āina and cultural practices across Ka Pae 'Āina Hawai'i.

We look forward to being part of the discussion on how best to word this bill. For example, to ameliorate the risk that the bill poses to OHA's pro rata share of the public land

trust, Section 3 of the bill could be amended to clarify that transfers of public land trust funds to the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund shall not be taken from the public land trust proceeds designated for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs under section 10-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes or any other law.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of
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Before the House Committee on

FINANCE

Friday, February 26, 2016
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2200 HD1
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCES

House Bill 2200 HD 1 authorizes the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources to transfer funds from the department of land and natural resources' public land trust accounts to the Kaho'olawe rehabilitation trust fund and authorizes the office of Hawaiian affairs to expend a portion of its public land trust revenues for purposes consistent with those of the Kaho'olawe rehabilitation trust fund. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

The Kaho'olawe rehabilitation trust fund (trust fund) was the primary source of funding for the KIRC to carry out its stated purposes in Hawaii Revised Statute Chapter 6K, the control and management of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. In the twenty-two years of the KIRC's existence, the KIRC has used the trust fund to protect and restore the natural and cultural resources of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve from the ravages of its past environmental damage and years of neglect. Over the years, the KIRC has been able to implement innovative restoration projects, plant over 400,000 native plants and safely escort over 11,000 volunteers to Kaho'olawe through the use of the trust fund.

The initial investment into the trust fund were a series of federal appropriation, last made in 2004 that provided a considerable fund to begin the long task of restoring this natural and cultural treasure. In an 1994 agreement, signed between the United States Navy and the State of Hawaii, the Navy was responsible for the removal of unexploded ordnance from Kaho'olawe, while the State accepted the task to restore the damaged environment of Kaho'olawe caused by centuries of uncontrolled ranching and goat populations. Even though the initial funding was significant, it was not enough to permanently fund the entire restoration effort. The Navy did not complete the unexploded ordnance clearance to the level agreed upon.

Additionally, the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve is held in trust by the State provided that the State shall transfer management and control of the island and its waters to the sovereign native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the United States and the State of Hawaii.

Since 2009, the KIRC has projected that without any further investments into the trust fund, the trust fund will be depleted by 2015. Since 2009, the KIRC has worked with the legislature and administration to identify a viable source of revenue that could sustain the continued restoration of Kaho`olawe. Past proposals include a Molokini user fees, outdoor recreation fees, portions of the conveyance tax and general fund appropriations. In 2015, a general fund appropriation authorized in Act 84 ensured the continuing function of the KIRC for fiscal year 2016 and 2017.

This measure further explores a possible future funding source that could sustain the continued restoration of a damaged and previously neglected island, protects the unique cultural and natural resources of Kaho`olawe and prepares the island for its future intended uses.

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2200, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCES

House Bill 2200, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer public land trust funds to the Kahoolawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. The measure also proposes to authorize the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to expend public land trust funds for purposes consistent with those of the Kahoolawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) cannot support this bill and offers the following comments and explanation.**

Pursuant to Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, the annual payment to OHA from the use and disposition of ceded lands is currently fixed at \$15.1 million per year. However, the current Senate Bill 2124 proposes to increase the ceded land payment amount to OHA from the fixed annual \$15.1 million to 20% of gross receipts from the use or disposition of ceded lands by all state departments or agencies. This does not take into account that some receipts are prohibited by law from being transferred to OHA, such as those received by the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation, or are otherwise used to fulfill one of the other trust purposes under Section 5(f) of The Admission Act. If these divisions and agencies were to be assessed 20% of their gross receipts, the result would be \$15.2 million dollars that the state would have to come up with and pay to OHA in addition to the 20% that would be paid to OHA by the other state departments. In other words, there would be "shortage" of about \$15.2 million after all the other agencies pay over to OHA 20% of their public land trust proceeds.

Considering the significant fiscal implications if Senate Bill 2124 becomes law, the Department cannot support additional designations for the use of public land trust revenues at this time, but

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instead would respectfully suggest an alternative source of funding such as an annual general fund appropriation to the Kahoolawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

Additionally, the measure would set a dubious precedent, allowing for sizable expenditures outside of a request through the Executive Budget. This would result in bypassing the customary oversight and prioritization authority delegated to the Department of Budget and Finance, as well as the legislative budget committees. Furthermore, this exemption would only apply to a single administrative organ of the Department, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission, while other Department divisions, as well as other state agencies, would still be subject to the standard budget requests.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Summary of Receipts from Lands Described in Section 5(f) of the Admissions Act by Department
For Fiscal Year 2014-2015
 Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006

Agency	Amount Retained by the State	Amount Transferred to OHA	Gross Receipt	Note	Reference
Accounting and General Services (DAGS)					
Automotive Management and Parking Control	\$103,577.00	\$20,716.00	\$124,293.00		Attachment 3
Agriculture (DOA)					
Agricultural Resources Management (ARM)	\$946,393.03	\$236,598.26	\$1,182,991.29		Attachment 4
Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)	\$789,131.67	\$197,282.92	\$986,414.59		Attachment 5
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)					
Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)	\$35,230.08	\$8,807.52	\$44,037.60		Attachment 6
Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)	\$757,716.99	\$189,429.25	\$947,146.24		Attachment 7
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development (HHFDC)	\$3,459,981.14	\$40,411.85	\$5,752,970.99		Attachment 8
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii (NELHA)	\$1,371,920.82	\$342,980.10	\$1,714,901.13		Attachment 9
Defense (DOD)	\$4,877.60	\$1,219.40	\$6,097.00		Attachment 10
Education (DOE)	\$2,189,929.00	\$112,921.00	\$2,302,228.00		Attachment 11
Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)				No Report	
Health (DOH)					
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)	\$1,311,326.00	\$0.00	\$1,639,157.00		Attachment 12
Human Services (DHS)					
Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)	\$3,066,987.37	\$0.00	\$3,066,987.37		Attachment 13
Office of Youth Services (OYS)				No Report	
Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)					
Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR)	\$5,845,318.64	\$1,372,028.91	\$7,217,347.55		Attachment 14
Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)	\$211,064.58	\$29,240.25	\$240,304.83		Attachment 15
Land Division (LD)	\$8,882,354.56	\$2,233,732.64	\$11,116,087.20		Attachment 15
State Parks (SP)	\$3,005,748.52	\$749,162.82	\$3,754,911.34		Attachment 15
Transportation (DOT)					
Airports Division (DOTA)	\$71,275,380.00	\$0.00	\$71,275,380.00		Attachment 18
Harbors Division	\$50,735,634.56	\$12,683,923.58	\$63,419,558.14		Attachment 19
Highways	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00		Attachment 20
University of Hawaii (UH)	\$2,573,157.92	\$643,289.48	\$3,216,447.40		Attachment 21
Totals	\$156,601,729.48	\$18,861,743.98	\$178,043,260.67		

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**TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2200, H.D. 1**

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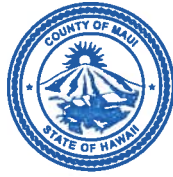
House Bill No. 2200, H.D. 1, authorizes the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer funds up to \$3,000,000 from the department's land trust accounts to the Kahoolawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

The Department of Budget and Finance would like to point out that the land trust accounts are general revenue receipts, so the proposed transfers to the Kahoolawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund would have a general fund impact.

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Hearing Date: February 26, 2016

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
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Aloha Chair Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB2200, HB2034 AND HB2035

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 2200, House Bill 2035 and House Bill 2035.

House Bill 2200 authorizes the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer funds from the Department of Land and Natural Resources' public land trust accounts for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve.

House Bill 2034 provides a direct appropriation for the continued restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Reserve), which includes the island of Kaho`olawe and 90 square miles of its surrounding waters.

HB2035 appropriates funding for a three-year photovoltaic-powered desalination pilot project to help move Kahoolawe toward financial sustainability.

As the Chair and Maui County representative for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I can attest to the urgency and importance of providing these secure sources of funding. Those of you who have been able to visit Kaho`olawe would hopefully agree.

When the State accepted the return of Kaho`olawe from the United States, it clearly accepted the responsibility to preserve and manage the Reserve while holding it as part of the public land trust until the island and its waters are transferred to the native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The terms of this acceptance were also stated in the federally-mandated Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission final report to Congress in 1993: "in the short term, federal funds will provide the bulk of the program support for specific soil conservation projects and related activities. **In the longer term, however, state revenues will be needed to continue and enhance those activities initiated with federal funds**" (emphasis added). This funding responsibility, therefore, belongs to the State.

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With 25 percent of the island remaining uncleared of unexploded ordnance, a continued round-the-clock 24/7 presence on Kaho`olawe is needed to ensure the protection of the general public. KIRC's Restoration, Ocean Resources and Cultural programs have made great strides in restoring and protecting Kaho`olawe's native ecosystems and cultural resources, which benefit all of Hawai`i's people. Thousands of volunteers from throughout the state have contributed to these efforts over the years; their work should be honored by providing support for these programs to continue. These activities are consistent with the authorized uses of public land trust revenues, and warrant secure state support for them to continue.

Passage of HB2200, HB2034 and HB2035 will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo for your consideration,



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**In Consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2200 HD 1
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCES**

House Bill 2200 HD 1 authorizes the BLNR Chairperson to transfer public land trust funds to the Kaho’olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. It authorizes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to expend public land trust funds for purposes consistent with those of the Kaho’olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.
Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.

Aha Moku encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands, which in turn is comprised of 47 moku and 607 ahupua’a. The Aha Moku, created by the Legislature, assists the State through its attachment to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in the protection and sustainability of its unique natural and cultural resources by bringing forward Native Hawaiian generational and traditional resource methodology. Each Island, with its own moku and ahupuaa, is distinctive and has its own exclusive resources unique to the history and culture of that island.

In the case of Kahoolawe, its place in Hawaiian history is assured and the promise of the United States and the State of Hawaii to return the island to the Hawaiian people must be upheld. Portions of that promise have already lapsed since the Navy did not complete the cleansing of all unexploded ordinances on the island.

As the Po’o of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee representing the Island of Kahoolawe, I and the generational families and communities of Honuaula, the traditional moku attached to Kahoolawe, are strongly behind Aha Moku who supports this measure. Our direct ancestors gave all of the place names to the island. It is we who hold the knowledge of the ancient history and lineage of the ahupua’a on the island, of the ocean, the currents, the winds, the water – every resource that is on or linked to the island. The State of Hawaii cannot allow their protection of Kahoolawe to dwindle into uncertainty and neglect.

OHA cannot allow their priorities to exclude Kahoolawe. By their own mission statement, OHA is mandated to “better the conditions for native Hawaiians”. Expending their public land trust funds to assist the Kahoolawe Island falls within that role.

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Authorizes the BLNR Chairperson to transfer public land trust funds to the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.
Authorizes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to expend public land trust funds for purposes consistent with those of the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

The concept of this bill is misguided, for reasons that will be explained below. But if the legislature unwisely chooses to enact the concept, please delete the leading sentence/paragraph because it is factually false.

Here are the four main points to be explained below.

1. The first sentence/paragraph of HB2200 is factually false and should be deleted.
2. 20% of ceded land revenue is already being given to OHA for the betterment of Native Hawaiians; therefore the other 80% should not be additionally diverted to that purpose.
3. Kaho'olawe is already set aside by law to become property of the Hawaiian tribe as soon as that tribe has received state and federal recognition, which is now underway. Therefore no state government money should be given to rehabilitate land which is already in the process of being given away to another "nation."
4. Let OHA give whatever funding is necessary to rehabilitate Kaho'olawe. OHA has \$620 Million in assets including \$350 Million in its investment portfolio. OHA can afford to pay for Kaho'olawe; the State cannot afford it.

1. The first sentence/paragraph of HB2200 is false and should be deleted.

There was never a federal law that mandated 20% of ceded land revenue to be used for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians. In 1898 Article 2 of the Treaty of Annexation said ceded

land revenues "shall be used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands for educational and other public purposes." -- there was no mention of betterment of Native Hawaiians.

Section 5(f) of the Statehood Act of 1959 identified 5 purposes for ceded land revenues, with all or part of the money to be used for any one or more of the five purposes. One of those purposes was "betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920)" The purpose of that provision was obviously to ensure that some of the ceded land money COULD be (but was not required to be) used to support the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

2. 20% of ceded land revenue is already being given to OHA for the betterment of Native Hawaiians; therefore the other 80% should not be additionally diverted to that purpose.

By setting aside 20% of ceded land revenue for OHA, the clear intention was that the other 80% of ceded land revenue should go to the general fund for the benefit of all the citizens of Hawaii (indeed, Native Hawaiians should be excluded from any of the benefits flowing from that 80%, since they already got their own 20% first).

However, if this bill HB2200 is enacted, then additional money from the ceded land revenue would be transferred to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, where it would be used exclusively for the benefit of Native Hawaiians (explanation below), thereby depriving the other

80% of Hawaii's people of money that is rightfully theirs. Amazingly, nobody complains when Native Hawaiians demand "their" 20% of ceded land revenue and then selfishly push for more through legislation such as this bill. Perhaps it's time for the rest of us to stand up for our own rights.

3. Kaho'olawe is already set aside by law to become property of the Hawaiian tribe as soon as that tribe has received state and federal recognition, which is now underway. Therefore no state government money should be given to rehabilitate land which is already in the process of being given away to another "nation."

Language in this bill explains why money going to KIRC is exclusively for the benefit of Native Hawaiians, because "... since its return to the State in 1993, the resources and waters of Kaho'olawe have been held in trust as part of the public land trust; provided that the State shall transfer management and control of the island and its waters to the sovereign native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the United States and the State of Hawai'i."

In Act 195 (2011) this legislature set in motion a process now underway to create a Hawaiian tribe; and the U.S. Department of Interior has now proposed a regulation whereby that tribe can get federal recognition. Both Act 195 and the Department of Interior regulation insist that the Hawaiian tribe must be exclusively for Native Hawaiians, and that anyone lacking a drop of the magic blood must be ruthlessly excluded. If events unfold as intended, a Native Hawaiian

"nation" will become a federally recognized Indian tribe before President Obama's term in office comes to an end. As soon as recognition happens, according to the language cited in this bill, the island of Kaho'olawe will be ripped away from the State of Hawaii and handed over to the Hawaiian tribe, to which people with no native blood are forbidden to belong.

4. Let OHA give whatever funding is necessary to rehabilitate Kaho'olawe

OHA has \$620 Million in assets including \$350 Million in its investment portfolio. OHA can afford to pay for Kaho'olawe; the State cannot afford it.

This bill proposes to authorize OHA to give money to assist the rehabilitation of Kaho'olawe. But no such authorization is necessary. OHA's primary mission is "the betterment of Native Hawaiians", and OHA has given millions of dollars in gifts (grants) to provide funding for various organizations devoted to helping Native Hawaiians (usually to the exclusion of all other people). Since Kaho'olawe is destined to become the property of the Hawaiian tribe, and OHA has loudly pledged to dissolve itself and transfer its assets to the forthcoming tribe, then the state should let OHA fulfill its responsibility.

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Dear Legislators:

I support KIRC bill HB2200.

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

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Welina mai kākou,

I, Roy Kākulu Alameida, support KIRC Bill #2200).

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability for the restoration and protection of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of us for generations to follow.

As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State of Hawai‘i preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of the Kaho‘olawe coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with and smothered by derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items while species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work.

Kaho‘olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Hawaiian Islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other places in island waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit everyone. Please support this bill.

Mahalo for your time.

‘O au me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Roy Alameida
Hawai‘i Island resident
KIRC supporter

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Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jennifer Cox, support KIRC bill (HB2200). Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. Please support HB2200. Mahalo.

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Glory Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I GLORY RAMOS, support KIRC bill HB2034, Bill HB2035, Bill HB2200, Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawaii's people for generations to come. As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawaii's people for generations to come. Please support this bill. Mahalo nui loa for all of your support, GLORY RAMOS

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I, Trevor Tokishi, support KIRC bill HB-2200.

...

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...

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Grant Thompson	Individual	Support	No

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Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Benton Pang, support KIRC bill HB2200. ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Establishing a source of funding support for the KIRC is vital for the continuation of restoring an island ecosystem and in return healing a culture. Please support this bill. Dean

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Ronald Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Hokulani Holt-Padilla	Individual	Support	No

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

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Lyman L. Abbott	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass HB 2200 so we can continue to repair the ecological damage that has been done on Kaho`olawe. Thank you, Lyman L. Abbott

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe REHABILITATION Trust Fund.

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Laraline L. Keohokapu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Laraline L. Keohokapu, support KIRC bill HB2200. As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

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Maylyn Magno-Gomes	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Cabalse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, (insert name here), support KIRC bill (ENTER BILL #). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Johann Winkler, support KIRC bill (HB2200 #). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Keri Meyer	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

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Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

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Carol-Marie K. Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Forsyth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Public land trust funds must be part of the sustainability of the Island of Kaho'olawe. The Army has done an admirable job of "cleaning" up after the horrors of using the Island for bombing, but so much more needs to be done. This can only be accomplished if the State of Hawaii considers using public land trust funds to continue ongoing and proposed projects. This bill must be supported.

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Kuhio Lewis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha House Finance Committee,

I OPPOSE HB 2200 HD1, which authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) Chairperson to transfer public land trust (PLT) funds to the Kaho 'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund (KRTF), and requires the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to specifically expend PLT monies for the purposes of the KRTF, in addition to its existing statutory responsibilities.

First, I appreciate that the intent this of bill is to facilitate the continued preservation, restoration and appropriate use of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve (KIRC). However, I CANNOT SUPPORT HB2200 because it would substantially erode the Hawaiian people's right to a share of the public land trust revenues as embodied in the constitution.

In 1978, I was a part of the Constitutional Convention that was called to review and revise the functions and responsibilities of Hawai'i's government. At the convention, the Native Hawaiian Legislative Package was considered by the delegates. Among provisions voted on by the delegates and incorporated into the new state constitution was the establishment of OHA, as a quasi-independent, public trust agency, tasked with bettering the conditions of both native Hawaiians and the Hawaiian community in general. OHA was to be funded with a pro rata share of revenues from state lands described under subsection 5(b) and (f) of the Admissions Act; these "public land trust" lands made up a substantial portion of the "ceded" lands taken as a result of the unlawful overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. Importantly, OHA, and not the state, was to determine how its PLT funds should be used, to best fulfill its mandate.

I am deeply concerned that this bill grants the authority to the BLNR to unilaterally transfer PLT monies set aside for OHA to the KRTF. This would subvert the spirit and intent of our state constitution, by allowing state officials – and not Native Hawaiians – to determine how OHA's pro rata PLT share should be spent. Such authority would be in complete contradiction to the underlying principles of Native Hawaiian self-determination embodied by OHA and its constitutional mandate.

Similarly, this bill would amend a 30-year old law establishing OHA's right to expend 20 percent of public land trust land revenues, to require OHA to spend its monies specifically on the purposes of the KRTF. Such a mandate would again contradict the long-held understanding that OHA – as an autonomous, Native Hawaiian trust agency – should have the broad and independent discretion to determine how its funds may best be used. Moreover, the arbitrary nature of this provision neglects to take into account the wide-ranging and numerous needs of the Native Hawaiian community, in areas such as housing, education, health, culture, environmental protection, and others, which must be carefully balanced and prioritized in the expenditure of relatively limited trust funds.

For these reasons, I OPPOSE HB2200 HD1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify!

-Gov. John Waihe'e

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Wendee Nishimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Wendee Nishimura, support KIRC bill (HB2200). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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